Declining trend in the production of automobiles

1485. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has shown its concern over the declining trend in the production of automobiles over the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for this declining trend; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the production automobiles during the year 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The production of automobiles is showing a rising trend as is evident from the following production figures.

	1987-88	1988-89
Passenger cars	151875	166098
Med. & Heavy Com. vehicles	65086	70225
Light Com. vehicles	44120	45226
Two-wheelers	1433918	1604009
Three-wheelers	61112	79452
Jeep type vehicles	32036	37615

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Formulation of strategy on Industrial machinery

1486. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on formulation of a strategy on industrial machinery for the Eighth Five Year Plan has been delayed;

(b) if so, whether the approach paper on industrial machinery should have been with the Planning Commission latest by 21st March, 1989;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for delaying the same; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Working Group on Machine Building, Transport Equipment and Allied Industries set up by the Planning Commission in the context of preparation of the 8th Five Year Plan 1990—95, set up various Sub-Groups, including a Sub-Group on Industrial Machinery (excluding Machinery for Mining and Metallurgical Industry). The Sub-Group on Industrial Machinery was asked to submit its report to the Working Group by the 25th March, 1989. This Sub-Group concluded its deliberation in March, 1989 and has already submitted its report to the Working Group.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.